



# New River Trail State Park 176 Orphanage Drive Foster Falls, VA 24360

"State Park providing a variety of recreational opportunities including camping, fishing, kayaking, biking, hiking, horseback riding over 57 miles of converted railway to trail."

**Green Statement:** "One of our agency's missions is to conserve the Commonwealth of Virginia's natural resources."

# **CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Attractions**



- Recycling. Virginia Green facilities must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles, or other disposable products purchased at the facility. Recycling of cardboard, plastic, paper, and composting of waste foods is highly encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:
  - Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: plastic bottles, aluminum cans
  - Also recycle: newspaper, office paper, batteries
- Minimize the use of disposable food service products. The facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, the facility is encouraged to use products that are made from biobased or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling/ composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:
  - Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
- Reduce solid waste. The facility must be actively working to reduce its solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:

### Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand-dryers
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

#### Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Use water efficiently. The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its water use. This facility pledges that they:

#### Activities indoors

- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have installed waterless urinals

#### Activities outdoors

- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Have minimized our lawn area
- Have minimized impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers
- Conserve energy. The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its energy use. This facility pledges that they:
  - Track overall energy bills
  - Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time

## Heating and cooling

- Have installed ceiling fans
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on

## Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

#### Appliances and electronic devices

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

For more information on New River Trail State Park, see www.virginiastateparks.gov or contact Sam W. Sweeney at sam.sweeney@dcr.virginia.gov or 276-699-1520.

*Virginia Green* is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green Attractions* have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established "core activities" for *Green Attractions* and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on *Virginia Green* program, see <u>www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen</u> or <u>www.virginiagreentravel.org</u>.



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